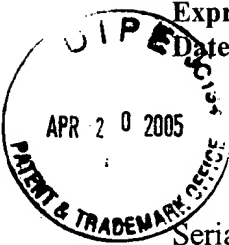


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to an Office Action, mail dated January 7, 2005, Applicants submit the following Response and request for reconsideration. A petition to extend the due date for responding to the Restriction Requirement to May 7, 2005 and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) for a small entity accompanies this response.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action dated January 7, 2005, included a restriction/election requirement set forth as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, 13, 16-24 and 26, drawn to a method for making a protein array, classified in class 435, subclass 7.9.

Group II: Claims 8-12 and 14, drawn to a method of using the array (protein/compound or protein/protein interactions), classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Group III: Claim 25, drawn to a method of generating a proteomic array of proteins, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

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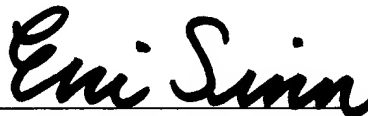
In response, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the claims of **Group I (claims 1-4, 13, 16-24 and 26)**.

Applicants maintain that the restriction requirement is improper because it would not be an undue burden to examine all the claims.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Applicants believe no further fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference Number: **27353-501 UTIL** (Customer Number: **35437**).

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